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ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED JOINTLY UNDER THE PILOT PHASE

Update

Note by the secretariat

I. MANDATE

1. At its third session, the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), noting that reports on activities implemented jointly (AIJ) may be submitted at any time, invited the secretariat to prepare in concise form a first update reflecting reports and submissions by Parties for the fourth session of the SBSTA in December 1996 (FCCC/SBSTA/1996/13, para. 38 (d)).

II. NATIONAL AUTHORITIES

2. A prerequisite for the smooth functioning of information exchange during the pilot phase for activities implemented jointly is the designation, by all Parties involved in AIJ, of the relevant governmental authority or ministry authorized to accept, approve or endorse activities implemented jointly and to report on them to the Conference of the Parties through the secretariat (FCCC/SBSTA/1996/8, para. 74). In addition these designated national authorities also facilitate communication among Parties as well as between Parties and potential private sector investors. It is suggested that Parties verify whether the information contained in annex I to this document is still up to date.

3. It is recalled that, with regard to reporting, an activity implemented jointly may only be considered by the relevant Convention bodies if it has been approved, accepted or endorsed by all the respective designated national authorities, as follows (FCCC/SBSTA/1996/8, annex IV, paras. 3 and 4):

(a) In the case of joint reporting: the report is submitted by the designated authority of one participating Party with the concurrence of all other participating Parties as evidenced by attached letters issued by the relevant designated national authorities;

(b) In the case of separate reporting: the reports are submitted separately by the designated national authority of each and every participating Party. Information will only be compiled once reports have been submitted by all participating Parties.

4. The secretariat received a report by one Party updating previous information, but to date none of the other Parties mentioned therein have designated their national authority or ministry for AIJ.

5. Parties are invited to refer to the annex to this note for information available on contact points for designated national authorities. Regular updating occurs on the UNFCCC Website under CC:INFO products, CC:INFO/AIJ (direct: http://www.unfccc.de/fccc/ccinfo/aijcont.htm). Any changes may be communicated to the secretariat.

III. ACTIVITIES

6. In its progress report on activities implemented jointly (FCCC/CP/1996/14 and Add.1), the secretariat exceptionally presented information even though it had not received the endorsement by all participating Parties, in order to receive feedback on the structure of the synthesis report rather than for analysis. For the preparation of this note, the secretariat contacted those Parties mentioned in the report in order to confirm the national authority, their contact information and the endorsement of reports submitted by other Parties as applicable.

7. The secretariat would like to rectify information on activities contained in the progress report. The reported activity involving Belize and the Netherlands has not been implemented. The reported project of the FACE foundation (Netherlands) in Malaysia exists but no agreement between the Netherlands and Malaysia has been reached which would allow it to be reported as an activity implemented jointly under the pilot phase. Finally, the reported activity between the Netherlands and the Russian Federation is to be deleted for the time being.

8. The following table shows the list of activities contained in the progress report for which the secretariat has received the required information in time to be contained in this

document. This list replaces that contained in table 1 of the addendum to the progress report (FCCC/CP/1996/14/Add.1).

List of activities implemented jointly

Type of project	Title	Participating Parties
Afforestation	"CARFIX: Sustainable Forest Management"	Costa Rica, USA
Afforestation	"RUSAFOR: Saratov Afforestation Project"	Russian Federation, USA
Energy efficiency	"Energy-efficiency improvement by Hungarian municipalitites and utilities"	Hungary, Netherlands
Energy efficiency	"High Efficiency Lighting"	Norway, Mexico
Forest restoration	"Biodiversifix: Forest Restoration"	Costa Rica, USA
Forest preservation	"ECOLAND: Esquinas National Park"	Costa Rica, USA
Forest reforestation	"Klinki Forestry Project"	Costa Rica, USA
Fuel switching	"RABA/IKARUS compressed natural gas engine bus project"	Hungary, Netherlands
Fugitive gas capture	"RUSAGAS: Fugitive Gas Capture Project"	Russian Federation, USA
Renewable energy	"Aeroenergía SA Wind Facility"	Costa Rica, USA
Renewable energy	"Doña Julia Hydroelectric Project"	Costa Rica, USA
Renewable energy	"Planta Eólicas S.A. Wind Facility"	Costa Rica, USA
Renewable energy	"Tierras Morenas Windfarm Project"	Costa Rica, USA

9. This update does not contain more detailed information on those activities. Once the initial uniform reporting format is adopted, the secretariat will prepare another update on activities implemented jointly following that format and containing detailed information.

10. As a consequence of the decision taken by the SBSTA at its second session that information on AIJ should be reported by designated national authorities for AIJ (FCCC/SBSTA/1996/8, para. 74) either jointly or separately (FCCC/SBSTA/1996/8, annex IV, paras. 3 and 5), a considerable amount of information available to the secretariat may not be compiled because either an endorsement or a report by one designated national authority, or sometimes the actual identification of the designated national authority itself, has not been received.

IV. OTHER MATTERS

11. At its third session, the SBSTA requested the secretariat "to integrate information on AIJ in the CC:INFO database and reporting system and to implement an information exchange on AIJ in the context of CC:INFO information exchange activities" (FCCC/SBSTA/1996/13, para. 38 (c)). The secretariat is awaiting the adoption of the uniform reporting format in order to integrate information on activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase into the CC:INFO products, notably CC:INFO/WEB and CC:INFO database and report.

12. The secretariat maintains information pages on AIJ at the UNFCCC Website (http://www.unfccc.de) which are reproduced on the UNFCCC CD-Rom. These pages contain background information on the decision-making process on activities implemented jointly, a list of relevant official documents, information available on contact points for designated national authorities, and a list of links to pages produced by national programmes on AIJ.

V. PROPOSED ACTION

13. Parties are invited to communicate any changes to the contact information for designated national authorities contained in the annex to this document. The changes will be incorporated in regular updates.

Annex

NATIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Below are listed the contact points for entities authorized to accept, approve or endorse activities implemented jointly and to report on them to the Conference of the Parties. A number of national focal points to the UNFCCC that are also the designated authority authorized to accept, approve or endorse activities implemented jointly and to report on them to the Conference of the Parties have been identified by Parties. Information on these focal points will be provided in "*Who is Who in the UNFCCC Process*" which is to be issued by the secretariat this year, and on the secretariat World Wide Web site (http://www.unfccc.de).

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Australian AIJ
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